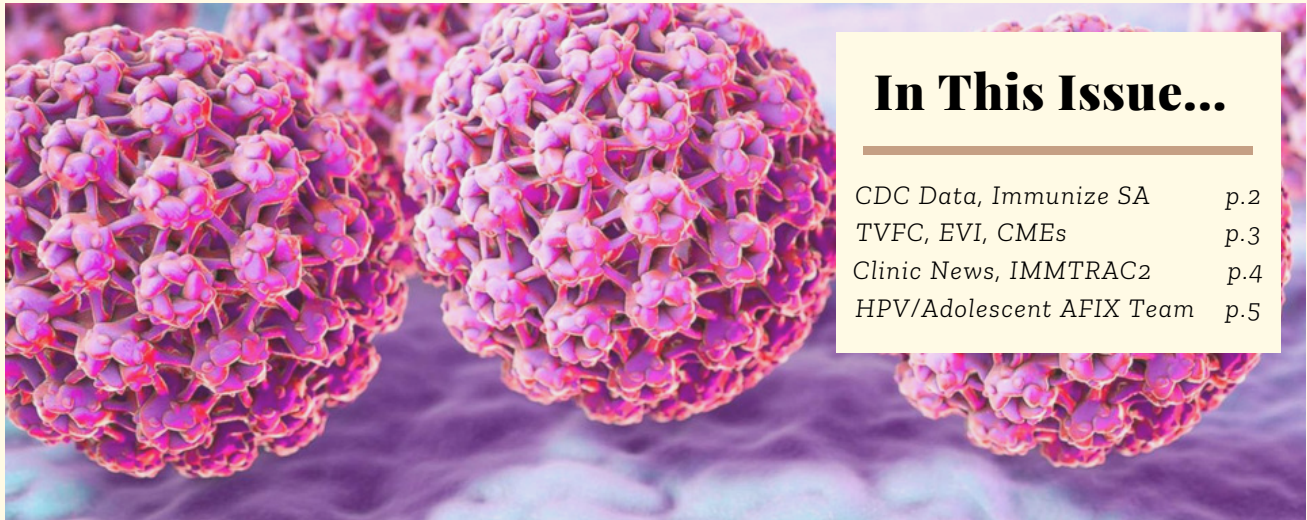




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San Antonio Immunization Program Newsletter - January 2019



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January is National Cervical Health Awareness Month

Congress has designated the month of January as Cervical Health Awareness Month. Each year in the U.S., nearly 13,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and approximately 4,000 die from the disease. The CDC has information and patient education resources [posted here](#) to help boost HPV vaccination rates. Other actions you can take include:

- Encourage HPV vaccination in youth and adults. [Share the facts](#) about HPV vaccine safety with parents.
- Educate adults on the benefits of HPV vaccination. [Use CDC resources](#) for parents and adults to promote vaccination as well as regular screening.
- Promote regular testing for HPV. Regular HPV or pap testing can detect cellular changes in the cervix due to the virus. Early detection is key to treatment and prevention.
- Look for local events and resources in your area, or share resources and education by using the [#CervicalHealthMonth](#) hashtag on social media.
- Visit the National Cervical Cancer Coalition website at nccc-online.org for more information. They feature educational material, stories from survivors, podcasts, and case studies that you can download for free.
- The American Association of Pediatrics has an [HPV Champion Toolkit](#) online with videos, flyers, and other resources to improve your team's effectiveness in HPV vaccination and cancer prevention.
- Check out [these CDC videos](#) on methods of recommending the HPV vaccine, both for providers and as a team in your practice.



Focus on HPV: CDC Bexar County NIS - Teen Data Shows Positive Trends; Room for Improvement

Latest data highlights forward progress

As highlighted in the November newsletter, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have released their most recent National Immunization Survey (NIS-Teen) for adolescents age 13 to 17 years old. We want to highlight some additional information which reveals some encouraging trends in Bexar County.

While Bexar County HPV vaccinations are on the rise, the numbers are still below the national average.

	HPV UTD*	≥1 HPV
	%(95% CI)	%(95% CI)
US overall		
2016	43.4(±1.3)	60.4(±1.2)
2017	48.6(±1.3) [†]	65.5(±1.2) [†]
Texas-Bexar County		
2016	39.2(±6.5)	53.4(±6.6)
2017	46.4(±6.2)	62.9(±6.1) [†]

Vaccination coverage among 13-17 year olds, U.S. and Bexar County - Source: CDC/NIS - Teen 2017

- The number of teens with up-to-date HPV and ≥1 dose Tdap increased in Bexar County from 2016 to 2017.
- Based on actual doses ordered through the first half of 2018, Bexar County providers ordered 56% of the HPV vaccine doses needed to vaccinate all 11-year-olds in the county. If all ordered doses are used, there will be enough for 100% coverage for Bexar County.
- Despite the increase in HPV vaccination coverage, Bexar County is still below the 80% series completion goal for adolescents outlined in Healthy People 2020 (IID-11.3, 11.4, 11.5).

The Texas DSHS website has more information and analysis of the 2017 NIS - Teen and NIS - Child surveys and data, as well as archived information from the year 2000 onward. You can find it all at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/coverage/NIS/#NISTeen>.

IZSA Is Back In Action!

After a long break, they're back and ready for more!

IZSA is Bexar County's Immunization Coalition and has been in existence since June 2007. It promotes immunizations across the life span through increased collaboration, education, timely immunization administration, and supports access for all people. IZSA focuses on hard to reach and high-risk population of all ages. IZSA is a volunteer coalition that represents agencies from various disciplines that are concerned with low immunization rates.

Over the past few months IZSA has taken a break to reorganize and plan next steps. Metro Health is happy to announce that we will be reconvening IZSA in February 2019.

The first IZSA meeting this year will be held on February 6th from 1-2pm at Roosevelt Clubhouse, located at 331 Roosevelt, San Antonio, Texas 78210. For more information about attending or joining IZSA, please contact Sarah Williams at 210-207-6917 or sarah.williams@sanantonio.gov, or you can visit their website at ImmunizeSA.com.

TVFC Program Updates & Reminders

News and notes from Texas Vaccines for Children

- All TVFC annual inservice trainings are on hold until a Vaccine Educator is selected. Training will be resumed at a date to be determined, however EVI training is still available - if interested, contact Anna Ledezma at (210) 207-4308.
- Reminder: "Borrowing" TVFC vaccines for private stock use is fraud! If for any reason a TVFC vaccine is administered to a non-eligible child, or if private stock is administered to a TVFC-eligible child, use Form EF11-14171 (available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/tvfc/publications.aspx>) to document the discrepancy, and be sure to use the proper codes as noted on the form. Email or fax the completed forms to Anna Ledezma at anna.ledezma@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-2050.
- With the retirement of Gloria Gomez, the new point of contact for annual site compliance visits will be Mary Williams (mary.williams@sanantonio.gov or 210-207-8875).

Inventory Updates

TVFC Vaccine Management news

We'd like to thank all providers and clinic staff for their hard work in accomplishing 100% re-enrollment for TVFC in our district for the first time ever! This is a major achievement, and we hope to continue this level of participation through 2019 and beyond. As we move forward, here are some helpful reminders:

- Providers and staff should take note of any significant increase or decrease in their patient population and inform the TVFC Vaccine Management Supervisor during monthly ordering. This is the best way to avoid vaccine waste or spoilage.
- Pre-Book for the 2019 flu season is open through February 4th. Please use the [DSHS Pre-Book Checklist here](#) before ordering, and use the individual login information sent to your email to order. If you have questions, contact DSHS directly!
- Remember that your point of contact for inventory adjustments, monthly temperature logs, vaccine transfers, and all other related items is Anna Ledezma, TVFC Vaccine Management Supervisor. She may be reached at anna.ledezma@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-4308.



Providers: CME Opportunities from CDC

New Continuing Medical Education (CME) training available:

"Making the Case, Championing for HPV Cancer Prevention in Your Practice." This new CME is designed to educate clinicians about current HPV vaccine recommendations, best practices for effectively recommending HPV vaccination and addressing questions from parents of age-appropriate boys and girls, and strategies to foster team wide collaboration to increase HPV vaccination coverage in their practices. You can access this CME opportunity at the link above with a Medscape account.

Additionally, "Routinely Recommending Cancer Prevention" is available on-demand for CE credits [on the CDC website](#) through January 16, 2020. This course develops methods to more effectively recommend HPV vaccinations for adolescents.

January SAMHD Clinic Closures

The Immunization Clinics at Eastside (210 N. Mel Waiters Way) and Frank Garrett Center (1226 18th St.) will be closed on January 28, 29, 31, and February 1 for training. Please note: the Eastside Clinic will be open on Wednesday, January 30. The Eastside Clinic will reopen on Monday, February 4, 2019, and the Frank Garrett Center will reopen on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. If you have any questions, please call 210-207-8894.

EASTSIDE CLINIC
Walk-Ins Welcome
 Monday - Friday: 8am - 3pm
 210 N. Mel Waiters Way (formerly 210 N. Rio Grande)
 San Antonio, TX 78202

FRANK GARRETT CENTER
Appointments Only
 Tuesday & Thursday: 8am - 3pm
 1226 NW 18th Street San Antonio, TX 78207

*We do not accept private insurance. Medicaid is accepted. We ONLY accept Community First CHIP (no other type of CHIP is accepted).
 **Immunization Records can only be obtained at the Eastside Clinic.

IIS and IMMTRAC2 News and Notes

SAIRS Access - Parental Consent - ImmTrac 2 Help Desk



All San Antonio area users of the San Antonio Immunization Repository System (SAIRS) should be aware that SAIRS stopped accepting immunization data on October 1, 2018. Local healthcare or daycare providers, school nurses and others that have a requirement to check/monitor an individual's immunization status should have access to the Texas Immunization Registry (known as ImmTrac2). Please note that in accordance with Texas House Bill 1921, ImmTrac2 requires signed consent before any client data can be stored in ImmTrac2. ImmTrac2 consent forms can be found at <https://immtrac.dshs.texas.gov/TXPRD/portalHeader.do>, under the "Forms" tab.

All ImmTrac2 users should be aware that parental consent is required for a child younger than 18 to participate in ImmTrac2. When a child turns 18 and is legally an adult, they must sign an adult consent form for lifetime participation in the registry. Given this important procedural change in registry participation, the San Antonio Metro Health Immunization Program suggests that immunization providers and other immunization stakeholders change their workflow to ensure that ImmTrac2 written consent is obtained.

Organizations that have questions about the SAIRS to ImmTrac2 transition can call the San Antonio Metro Health Immunization Program Help Desk at (210) 207-5071 for information. If you have specific questions for the ImmTrac2 Team, please call their Customer Support telephone number (800) 348-9158 for information. San Antonio Metro Health Immunization Program will continue monitoring immunization data submissions and data processing as well as conducting local ImmTrac2 training and outreach activities.

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Got a Story? Let Us Know!

Do you have an inspiring story, technical tip, lesson learned, or someone you want to highlight for recognition? Let us know, and we might feature your item in the next issue of Shot Talk. Contact Jared Dugger at (210) 207-2870 or jared.dugger@sanantonio.gov for more information.